

SENATE BILL 2719

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38;
Title 53 and Title 63, relative to disposal of certain
prescription drugs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

§ 38-6-122. (a) The director of the bureau of investigation is authorized to establish a pilot project for the disposal of controlled substances and narcotics that are prescription drugs in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of federal law. The project shall develop a procedure that would permit individuals to leave the controlled substances and narcotic prescription drugs for disposal with law enforcement officers who are authorized to receive such drugs by the director at locations across the state as specified by the director. The director may authorize local full-time police officers under chapter 8 of this title and law enforcement officers of the highway patrol and the bureau of investigation to receive such drugs for disposal. In developing and implementing the pilot project the director shall consult with the board of pharmacy and any relevant federal agencies.

(b) The directory shall issue an interim report to the house health and human resources committee and the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee on or before March 1, 2011 and a final report to such committees on or before March 1, 2013. The pilot project shall expire on June 30, 2013, unless extended by act of the general assembly.

(c) The director of the bureau of investigation is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.